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REMARKS

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Sprottau (Sprotawa)

1. In February 1951, the former Clausewitz Kaserne, also called Podbielski Kaserne located in the northwestern sector of Sprottau (O 52/B 35) quartered a Soviet infantry unit estimated to be a battalion. The commanding officer of the unit was a lieutenant colonel. Trucks were observed at the barracks installation, but the unit quartered there never left on trucks. Companies of the unit regularly marched out of the installation. Most of the uniforms worn by these soldiers were dirty, and some of them were soiled with oil. The unit was equipped with submachine guns, and each company had two heavy machine guns mounted on hand drawn carriages. Up to five heavy and medium tanks were occasionally seen at or near the barracks installation in late 1950. The heavy tanks mounted a long-barrelled gun fitted with muzzle brake. No exercises with these tanks were observed. The former officers' club southeast of the barracks installation was being used as a club house by the Communist Party. (1)
2. An MVD headquarters was observed at the southeastern town exit on the south side of the road to Mulau and northwest of a foot bridge over the Bober River. A radio installation with a rod antenna was seen near this headquarters. Dependents of Soviet Air Force officers lived in buildings on both sides of ul. Kosciuszki, formerly Hindenburg Strasse, at the eastern end of the town. (2)
3. A large dwelling house on Bahnhofstrasse on the northern perimeter of the town was occupied by a Polish unit of approximately company strength. The unit was armed only with small arms and equipped with some old trucks. (3) The Polish recruiting district headquarters for the district of Sprottau was south of Bahnhofstrasse on the south side of a major east-west street. The UB district headquarters was in the former Landratsamt at 6 Krolowej Jadwig, formerly Friedrichstrasse. (2) The district headquarters of the Polish Militia was located in two buildings on ul. Niedpodleglosci, formerly Wilhelmstrasse. (2) [redacted] a list of street names of Sprottau with their Polish designations from the Land and Registry Office at Sprottau. (2)

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Neuhammer (Swietoslaw)

4. Prior to late 1950, only Soviet troops were stationed in Neuhammer (O 52/B 34). [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Throughout the year, firing with artillery pieces and rocket launchers was continuously heard from the troop training grounds east of the town.

5. The former artillery camp was located immediately southeast of the town. The camp consisted of low brick buildings, some low wooden buildings and stables. Before 1945, the camp could quarter a horse-drawn artillery regiment. The ten low brick buildings immediately north of this camp also quartered Soviet soldiers. The former infantry camp, south of the artillery camp, consisted of brick buildings and some low wooden buildings. Prior to 1945, an infantry regiment could be quartered there. The tank camp bordering on the infantry camp to the east consisted of about 12 multi-story brick buildings, 5 large administrative buildings and numerous large tank sheds.
6. Prior to late 1950, the ration supply depot bordering on the former artillery camp to the northwest was under Soviet administration. It consisted of an administration building, a large bakery and three large warehouses.
7. The army ammunition depot was located about 1,000 meters east of the artillery camp on the south side of a road leading to the troop training grounds. No civilian workers were employed there. No information was available on the utilization of the brick buildings located on the north side of the above mentioned road.
8. The former German military post administration in the southwestern corner of the artillery camp quartered Soviet dependents. The military post headquarters south of this building was destroyed. The military prison, the telephone exchange, the watertower and the new military post administration building in the northwestern corner of the tank camp were intact. The former officers' club in the southwestern corner of the infantry camp was used by the Russians. The Soviet commandant of the troop training grounds lived in a villa bordering on the club house to the northwest. (4)

Freystadt (Kozuchow)

9. In 1949, the only barracks installation in Freystadt (O 52/B 47) quartered a Polish infantry battalion. No heavy weapons were observed with this unit. (5)

Kotzenau.

10. Prior to late 1950, the former German ammunition depot immediately northwest of the Kotzenau (O 52/B 64) railroad station was under Soviet administration. Soviet sentries were observed on the watch tower around the ammunition depot, a modern installation consisting of some underground installations built by the Germans. (6)

[REDACTED] Comments.

- (1) [REDACTED] the Clausewitz Kaserne in Sprottau quartered a Soviet motorized unit, probably a signal unit. [REDACTED] The tanks mentioned in the present report probably belonged to a unit in Neuhammer.

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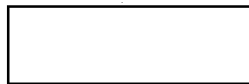
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- (2) These data confirm previous information. [REDACTED] 25X1
For list of German and Polish street names in Sprottau, see Annex.
- (3) This is the first report on the presence of a Polish unit in Sprottau. These soldiers may have belonged to a police unit.
- (4) These data on the Neuhammer troop camp agree with available information. The majority of the Soviet 20th Tank Div is believed to be located in Neuhammer and Strans.
- (5) The occupation of the barracks installation in Proysstadt (Kozuchow) by a Polish unit is confirmed until February 1951.
The unit observed may be a battalion of the 38th Litz and Regt of the 11th Mecz Div which is carried in the Zary area.
- (6) The existence of a Soviet ammunition depot near Kotzenau was reported in July 1949. The depot was directly assigned to the Hq of the Northern Group of Forces in Liegnitz and stored AT, artillery and mortar ammunition. [REDACTED] 25X1

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Change of Street Names in Sorottau.

1. Adolf Hitler-Strasse - ul. Marsz. Stalin
2. Am Glogauertor - ul. Glogowska
3. Am Heldenhain - ul. Powstancow
4. Am Wilhelmplatz - ul. Walki Mlodych
5. An der Papiermuhle - ul. ~~Partyzanska~~
6. Auoweg - ul. Ponistowskiego
7. Bahnhofstrasse - ul. Kolejowa
8. Ballerstrasse - ul. Kilinskiego
9. Brauerplatz - Plac ~~Prowny~~
10. Burgstrasse - ul. Zankowa
11. Dantzstrasse - ul. Krotka
12. Drei Graebenstrasse - ul. Kraslowa
13. Eckenorstrasse - ul. Gdanska
14. Eichweg - ul. Debowa
15. Eulauerstrasse - ul. Podgorna
16. Ev.Kirchstrasse - ul. Moniuszki
17. Ev.Kirchplatz - Plac Koscielny
18. Fabianstrasse - ul. Krucza
19. Fischerwerder - ul. Pybacka
20. Freistadtortstrasse - ul. Kozuchowska
21. Friedhofsweg - ul. Gontarna
22. Friedrichstrasse - ul. ~~Krolowej Jadwigi~~
23. Geigerstrasse - ul. Sienkiewicza
24. Goeppertstrasse - ul. Slowackiego
25. Goeppertplatz - Plac ~~Sienkiewicza~~
26. Gruenstrasse - ul. Zielona
27. Hammerstrasse - ul. Asnyka
28. Hampelbergstrasse - ul. Rol. Zymierskiego
29. Herrnstrasse - ul. Pres. Bieruta
30. Hindenburgstrasse - ul. Kosciuszki
31. Hintergasse - ul. Oprodiwa

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| 32. Hirtenstrasse | - ul. Polna |
| 33. Hoher Damweg | - ul. Szpitalna |
| 34. Horlitzerstrasse | - ul. Wiojski |
| 35. Hospitalstrasse | - ul. Sodowa |
| 36. Kaiser-Otto-Strasse | - ul. Sobieskiego |
| 37. Karl-Bartsch-Strasse | - ul. Wyszynkowa |
| 38. Kasernenstrasse | - ul. Koszowa |
| 39. Kath. Kirchplatz | - Plac Kosciolny |
| 40. Klubgasse | - ul. Marsz. Pocha |
| 41. Knothestrasse | - ul. Krasinskiego |
| 42. Kortnitzerstrasse | - ul. Przejazdowa |
| 43. Kreuzstrasse | - ul. Pilotow |
| 44. Kunichenerstrasse | - ul. Konopnickiej |
| 45. Kuepperstrasse | - ul. Kraszewskiego |
| 46. Kurt-Eckert-Strasse | - ul. Jasna |
| 47. Laubestrasse | - Traugutta |
| 48. Leistikowstrasse | - ul. Sw. Trzeta |
| 49. Luftgasse | - ul. Chodkiewicza |
| 50. Malnitzerstrasse | - ul. Malowicka |
| 51. Markt | - Rynek |
| 52. Mesterstrasse | - ul. Orzeszkowej |
| 53. Mueckendorferstrasse | - ul. Komorowska |
| 54. Muehlenvorder | - ul. Wyzanska |
| 55. Muehstrasse | - ul. Wyzanska |
| 56. Muestrasse | - ul. Koscielna |
| 57. Nickel-Jacobstrasse | - ul. Boleslaw Chrobrego |
| 58. Nonnenbuschweg | - ul. Parkowa |
| 59. Postitzstrasse | - ul. Jagiello |
| 60. O.-Drommelstrasse | - ul. Osopna |
| 61. Pannwitzstrasse | - ul. Ustronie |
| 62. Parkstrasse | - ul. Paserna |
| 63. Pollwitzscher Chaussee | - ul. Sienkowska |

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64. Polkwitzerstrasse	- ul. Polkowickiego
65. Postplatz	- plac Pocztowy
66. Preibischstrasse	- ul. Preibischowa
67. Prinkenauer Chaussee	- ul. Przemysłowa
68. Probstgasse	- ul. Prostejowa
69. Rungasse	- ul. Ropczowska
70. Ringelweg	- ul. Chreńska
71. Rosonstrasse	- ul. Rozynowa
72. Reckersstrasse	- ul. A. Reckera
73. Sagarersstrasse	- ul. Szagarska
74. Saarbrueckenerstrasse	- ul. Siednicka
75. Stockhausgasse	- ul. Stokolska
76. Turnstrasse	- ul. Turkotowa
77. U.-Drenkelstrasse	- ul. U. Drenkela
78. Michelsdorferstrasse	- ul. Michalska
79. Wilhelmstrasse	- ul. Wiedpockling/Asci
80. Werbensstrasse	- ul. W. Werbens
81. Zoppelinstrasse	- ul. Zoppelowa
82. Ziegelstrasse	- ul. Ceglana

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